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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7029

BILL NUMBER: SB 212

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 14, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Trial Court Jurisdiction; County Courts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bray

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that all circuit courts, superior courts, and probate courts have: (1) original and concurrent jurisdiction in all civil cases and in all criminal cases; (2) de novo appellate jurisdiction of appeals from city and town courts; and (3) in Marion County, de novo appellate jurisdiction of appeals from township small claims courts. It makes conforming amendments. It also repeals the law concerning the establishment and operation of county courts. (Since January 1, 2009, no county court exists in Indiana.)

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Courts.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would affect 315 courts of record in Indiana's 92 counties. Currently, 73 counties have more than one court in their counties. Counties with a large discrepancy in the workload between courts might be able to redistribute their workloads in a more efficient manner.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Supreme Court.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts.

Information Sources: Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration.

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